

clerks as can be detailed from the other business of the house with convenience, to assist the clerk of that committee, in making out a copy of the testimony taken in relation to the judge of the 6th judicial district, so that the said testimony may be ready to be transmitted to the gentleman implicated by to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Brawner, it was,

Ordered, That the committee on divorces, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the finding of facts, by the county court or some other competent authority, preparatory to applications for divorces, to the General Assembly of Maryland, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr Denny submitted the following order,

Ordered, That the sitting of this house be from 9 o'clock in the morning, to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the remainder of the session, and that hereafter the evening sessions be dispensed with; which petition being twice read,

Mr. Done offered the following order, as a substitute for that submitted by Mr. Denny, viz.

Ordered, That the House will hereafter sit from nine o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon; and no motion to adjourn before the hour of 3 o'clock shall be carried without the assent of two thirds of the members present.

Which being twice read and adopted, the order, in the form of the substitute, was then agreed to.

Mr. Gantt had leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, an act to exempt non-resident landholders from paying a primary school tax in Anne Arundel county, so far as relates to Prince Georges' county.

Messrs. Gantt, Kent and Sellman, were appointed a select committee to prepare and report said bill.

And thereupon Mr. Gantt, from that committee, reported said bill accordingly; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the following message was twice read, agreed to, and, with the bill to which it relates, sent to the Senate, viz:

By the House of Delegates,

February 12th, 1830.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We herewith return to your honorable body a bill, "entitled," an act for the relief of Washington Applebee, an insolvent debtor of Montgomery county. The passage of